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FOLLOWING TELEGRAM FROM GENEVA DATED JULY 23, 1974
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1. SUMMARY: EFFORTS OF REUTER/DITTERT AND MISOFF
JULY 22 TO CONVINCE MARTENS TO SUGGEST TO KIRCA APPOINTMENT
OF SIR HARRY GREENFIELD AS SPECIAL NEGOTIATOR TO WORK OUT
PROGRAM OF EFFECTIVE CONTROL/ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE FOR
TURKEY WERE INCONCLUSIVE. MARTENS IS CONSIDERING IDEA.
HE HAS NOT INDICATED WHEN HE MIGHT BE ABLE PROVIDE REACTION.
KANDEMIR (TURKISH DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF DND) IS LOOKING INTO
POSSIBILITY OF HIS/KIRCA DISCUSSING NARCOTICS QUESTIONS
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WITH GUNES WHILE HE IS IN GENEVA FOR CYPRUS TALKS.

DITTERT IS EXPLORING WITH KANDEMIR POSSIBILITY THAT GUNES MIGHT ALSO SEE REUTER. DITTERT/MISSOFF ARE CONSIDERING WAYS PROMOTE DIRECT TURKISH REQUEST TO MARTENS FOR GREENFIELD'S SERVICES. END SUMMARY.

2. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF DEVELOPMENTS JULY 22 RE TURKISH QUESTION.

3. DITTERT REPORTED THAT REUTER/HIS TWO-HOUR CONVERSATION WITH MARTENS WAS "NOT POSITIVE". MARTENS GAVE NO REACTION TO REUTER'S PROPOSAL THAT HE SUGGEST TO KIRCA APPOINTMENT OF GREENFIELD AS SPECIAL UN EMISSARY TO NEGOTIATE CONDITIONS AND KINDS OF CONTROL/ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE THAT COULD BE EFFECTIVE AND PROVIDED UNDER UN AUSPICES. MARTENS GAVE IMPRESSION HE CONSIDERED IT INAPPROPRIATE FOR REUTER TO HAVE UNDERTAKEN INITIATIVE IN MENTIONING THIS IDEA TO KIRCA. MARTENS ALSO INDICATED HE CONSIDERED REUTER/DITTERT'S EFFORTS CONSTITUTED ATTEMPT TO EXERT "PRESSURE" ON HIM. MARTENS ALLEGED THAT REUTER/DITTERT SHOWING MORE CONCERN RE TURKEY THAN OTHER PROBLEM COUNTRIES BECAUSE OF IMPLICATIONS IN TURKISH CASE FOR U.S.

4. REUTER/DITTERT TOOK POSITION THAT SITUATION RE TURKEY WAS TOTALLY DIFFERENT AND EXPLAINED IN DETAIL WHY. REUTER SAID HIS/DITTERT'S OBJECTIVE WAS TO HELP, THAT ALL UN DRUG CONTROL ORGANS WERE IN SAME BOAT. HE FORESAW THAT UNLESS EFFECTIVE ACTION TAKEN QUICKLY TO CREATE ADEQUATE CONTROLS TURKEY WILL BECOME CENTER OF ILLICIT TRAFFIC IN SHORT TIME. PROBLEM WILL THEN BE IN LAP OF BOARD WHICH WILL BE COMPELLED USE "BIG STICKS" AVAILABLE TO IT UNDER NARCOTICS TREATIES. SITUATION COULD NOT REMAIN AS IT IS. BOARD/UN MUST MAKE MAXIMUM EFFORT PREVENT TURKEY'S BECOMING CENTER OF ILLICIT TRAFFIC. FIRST COUNTRY TO BE AFFECTED WOULD BE TURKEY ITSELF, THEN IRAN, WESTERN EUROPE AND THE AMERICAS.

5. SUBSEQUENTLY, IN COORDINATION WITH DITTERT, MISSOFF SAW MARTENS AND OUTLINED U.S. OBJECTIVES AND VIEWS. SHE URGED THAT UNFDAC RESPOND TO TURKISH REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE
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RAPIDLY AND AT HIGHER LEVEL THAN NOW CONTEMPLATED WITH RESPECT TO MANBY VISIT. SHE EXPRESSED HOPE THIS CONNECTION THAT HIGH LEVEL INTERNATIONAL PERSONALITY EXPERIENCED IN PRODUCTION CONTROLS AND KNOWLEDGEABLE ALSO ABOUT ENFORCEMENT MEASURES AND ALTERNATE PRODUCTION POSSIBILITIES BE PROPOSED TO GOT QUICKLY. SHE SAID SHE BELIEVED SIR HARRY GREENFIELD WOULD BE EXCELLENT CHOICE AND UNDERSTOOD AMBASSADOR KIRCA WAS SURE GOT WOULD TAKE SAME VIEW BUT THAT KIRCA WISHED

GREENFIELD BE SUGGESTED BY MARTENS.

6. MARTENS SAID IN EFFECT THAT HE ENTIRELY APPRECIATED IMPORTANCE OF HELPING TURKEY CONTROL PRODUCTION SO THAT HEROIN OF TURKISH ORIGIN WOULD NOT AGAIN LEAK TO U.S. HOWEVER, UNFDAC HAD TO PROCEED IN RESPECT OF TURKEY IN SAME MANNER AS IN OTHER COUNTRIES, NOTABLY ON BASIS OF GOVERNMENT REQUEST. IN CASE OF TURKEY ALL THAT HAD BEEN REQUESTED WAS ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE. TURKEY HAD NOT ASKED FOR SOMEONE TO NEGOTIATE BROADER CONTROL/ ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM AND CONDITIONS OF ASSISTANCE. TURKEY COULD NOT BE "COERCED"; "HE WOULD HAVE THOUGHT THIS LESSON WOULD HAVE BEEN LEARNED BY NOW".

7. MISOFF RESPONDED THAT THERE WAS NO QUESTION OF COERCION. SHE RECOGNIZED THAT UN ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS RESTED ON GOVTS' REQUESTS. HOWEVER, SHE UNDERSTOOD AMBASSADOR KIRCA HAD MADE A BROAD REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE. IT WOULD SEEM APPROPRIATE FOR MARTENS, BASING HIMSELF ON THAT REQUEST AS WELL AS PUBLIC STATEMENT BY ECEVIT THAT GOT WOULD BE OPEN TO ANY SUGGESTIONS CONCERNING SUPERVISION AND CONTROL MEASURES, TO SUGGEST TO KIRCA THAT GREENFIELD BE RECEIVED ANKARA TO DISCUSS COMPREHENSIVE CONTROL/ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. SHE NOTED THAT AS MATTER UN PRACTICE SUCH TALKS WOULD ALSO NECESSARILY INVOLVE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH PROPOSED ASSISTANCE COULD BE EFFECTIVE. IDEA WAS THAT GREENFIELD, WHO HAD UNIQUE EXPERIENCE IN PRODUCTION CONTROLS, WOULD BE IN ADDITION TO MANBY WHO WAS COMPETENT EXPERT IN ENFORCEMENT CONTROLS. SUCH ACTION ON MARTENS' PART SEEMED PARTICULARLY IN ORDER SINCE KIRCA HAS INDICATED HE PERSONALLY FAVORS SUCH COURSE AND BELIEVES GOT WOULD AGREE.

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8 MISOFF CONCLUDED BY SAYING THAT WASH KNEW OF REUTER'S PROPOSAL AND KIRCA'S REACTION AND ASKED WHAT SHE SHOULD REPORT IN REGARD TO MARTENS' VIEW ON REUTER'S IDEA THAT GREENFIELD BE APPOINTED SPECIAL UN EMISSARY. MARTENS REPLIED HE NEEDED TIME TO CONSIDER SITUATION. MISOFF NOTED THIS SEEMED EMINENTLY REASONABLE. ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT IN VIEW URGENCY AND IMPORTANCE OF WHOLE MATTER FOR UN AS WELL AS INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY AS WHOLE AND U.S., SHE HOPED HIS REACTION WOULD BE FAVORABLE AND COULD BE PROVIDED SOON. HE SAID "IT WILL TAKE SOME TIME".

9. IN CONVERSATION WITH MISOFF, KANDEMIR, PRESUMABLY TAKING CUE FROM HIS OLD BOSS KIRCA, INDICATED HE FAVORED MARTENS' PICKING UP TELEPHONE AND SUGGESTING GREENFIELD

TO KIRCA. NOTED HE DID NOT FEEL HE COULD HIMSELF RAISE MATTER WITH MARTENS; HOWEVER HE WAS CONFIDENT MARTENS WOULD INITIATE DISCUSSION AT WHICH TIME HE WOULD PROMOTE THIS COURSE. IN SUBSEQUENT TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH MISSOFF, KANDEMIR MENTIONED THAT FONMIN GUNES WILL BE IN GENEVA THIS WEEK. ADDED THAT WHILE GUNES' ATTENTION WOULD UNDERSTANDABLY BE FOCUSED ON CYPRUS TALKS, HE WOULD CONSIDER WHETHER KIRCA/HE MIGHT TRY TO DISCUSS NARCOTICS PROBLEMS WITH GUNES. GAVE IMPRESSION HE MIGHT TRY OBTAIN GUNES' AGREEMENT TO GREENFIELD'S APPOINTMENT.

10. DITTERT IS SEEING KANDEMIR JULY 23 TO EXPLORE POSSIBILITY OF REUTER'S ALSO HAVING APPOINTMENT WITH GUNES. IF THIS CAN BE ARRANGED, DITTERT IS SURE REUTER WOULD BE WILLING QUICKLY RETURN FROM VACATION IN FRANCE TO SEE GUNES.

11. WE HAVE MANAGED OBTAIN COPY OF KIRCA LETTER TO MARTENS OF JULY 8 REQUESTING UN ASSISTANCE. TEXT IS QUOTED SEPTTEL. AS ADDRESSEES WILL NOTE, LETTER, TAKEN AS WHOLE, PROVIDES ADEQUATE FRAMEWORK FOR MARTENS TO TAKE INITIATIVE IN SUGGESTING GREENFIELD. IN FACT, POSITION KIRCA TOOK WITH REUTER THAT "SUGGESTION" SHOULD COME FROM MARTENS FOLLOWS LANGUAGE ECEVIT STATEMENT INCLUDED KIRCA LETTER. IN THIS CONNECTION LETTER STATES THAT CONFIDENTIAL

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"TURKISH GOVT WILL BE OPEN TO ANY SUGGESTIONS AS WELL AS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CONCERNING SUPERVISION AND CONTROL MEASURES".

12. NEVERTHELESS, WITH VIEW EXPEDITING ACTION BY MARTENS, DITTERT/WE ARE EXPLORING WAYS PROMOTE TURKS MAKING DIRECT REQUEST FOR SIR HARRY'S SERVICES RATHER THAN LEAVE INITIATIVE TO MARTENS. ABRAMS UNQUOTE INGERSOLL

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